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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q80754

Kesahiro KOIKE

Appln. No.: 10/809,419

Group Art Unit: 1763

Confirmation No.: 6804

Examiner: George A. Goudreau

Filed: March 26, 2004

For: METHOD OF PRODUCING A GLASS SUBSTRATE FOR A MASK BLANK AND
METHOD OF PRODUCING A MASK BLANK

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 27, 2006, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

In response to Election of Species, Applicant has elected Species I. Claims 1, 3-7 and generic claims 8 -10 are readable thereon .

Applicant reserves all rights under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application to the non-elected groups of claims.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.